



**Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council**

THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD:

**June 10, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**Clean Care of New England, Inc.**

850 Wellington Avenue,  
Cranston Rhode Island 02910

**Attendance**

Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth H. Roberts

Peter Ginaitt, Lifespan

Alan Seitz, Department of Homeland Security, Protective Security Advisor

Alysia Mihalakos, Rhode Island Department of Health

Dawn Lewis, Hospital Association of Rhode Island

Susan Earley, Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Jim Ball, RI Department of Environmental Management

Elizabeth McDonald, Red Cross Rhode Island

Shad Ahmed, Education Subject Matter Expert

Mark Farnum, Rhode Island State Police

Paul Stasiuk, National Grid

Joseph Arsenault, Richmond Emergency Management Association

Donna DiMichele, Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services

John Washburn, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

Michelle Burnett, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

Armand Randolph, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

Dave Eaton, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

Tom Guthlein, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

Ken McCarthy, RI Public Utilities Commission

Jeff Hatcher, Rhode Island Architects Engineers Emergency Response Task Force 7

Kenneth Filarski, Rhode Island Architects Engineers Emergency Response Task Force 7

Erin McDonough, RI Disaster Medical Assistance Team / RI Medical Reserve Corp

Peter Fucci, University of Connecticut

John Cagno, RI Urban Search and Rescue

Mi Ok Bruining, RI Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Lauren Swidler, Providence Emergency Management Agency

Jay Burdick, RI Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

Lori Needham, RI Broadcasters Association

Lori Adamo, NorthEast Disaster Recovery Information X-Change (NEDRIX)  
William Mullen, DHS Transportation Security Administration  
Vlad Ibarra, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

## **Comments**

### **I. Call to Order / Attendance - Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts, Chair**

Chair Roberts announced that Director McDonald was in San Diego at the Homeland Security Advisors Seminar and then proceeded to open the meeting highlighting the upcoming Hurricane Conference on June 20<sup>th</sup> under the theme of “Building Resiliency Through Awareness.”

Chair Roberts made a comment on the recent psychological study by the National Academy of Sciences showing that individuals are less prone to flee from hurricanes with female names. She stressed that regardless of the name, the deadly impacts of a hurricane (wind, storm surge and inland flooding) must be taken seriously.

Chair Roberts discussed the Subcommittee Reporting Function and how, for the past two meetings, it had been structured differently. The change is to align our work to priorities in a restructured RI Emergency Management Agency. However, she explained how the Council is actively seeking to continue to be an informative forum for agencies and their constituents, and how EMAC’s work needs to continue providing a conduit to agencies with grants that require public reports.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2013**

The Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **III. Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency Update**

Staff provided the RIEMA update. Mr. Eaton discussed the New England Regional Intelligence Group Fusion Center training on May 28<sup>th</sup> and the Emergency Support Function Evacuation planning meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Guthlein continued the Critical Infrastructure conversation relating it to the recent infrastructure assessment conducted at the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA). He followed up on the questionnaire sent to members via email the previous week and asked whether there were any questions about critical infrastructure.

Mr. Guthlein then went over the information that Director McDonald had highlighted at the previous meeting with possible sector lead agencies based on the sixteen critical infrastructure sectors.

#### **RI Critical Infrastructure Sectors**

#### **Possible Sector Lead State Agency**

1. Agriculture and Food

RI Dept. Environmental Management

2. Banking and Finance	RI Dept. of Business Regulations
3. Chemical	RI Dept. Environmental Management
4. Defense Industrial Base	RI National Guard
5. Energy	RI Office of Energy Resources
6. Emergency Services	RI State Police
7. Information Technology	RI Div. of Info Technology
8. Communications	RI EMA
9. Health Care and Public Health	HEALTH
10. Transportation	RI Dept. of Transportation
11. Water/Waste Water	RI Dept. Environmental Management
12. Commercial Facilities	Commerce RI
13. Government Facilities	RI State Building Code Commission
14. Dams	RI Dept. Environmental Management
15. Nuclear Reactors, Materials, Waste	RI Atomic Energy Commission -URI
16. Manufacturing	Commerce RI

Members were encouraged to submit their information to either Mr. Ibarra or RIEMA, directly.

#### **IV. Continuation of Presidential Policy Directive 21 Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Alan Seitz, Department of Homeland Security, Protective Security Advisor**

Alan Seitz, Department of Homeland Security, Protective Security Advisor provided the update on Presidential Policy Directive 21.

Mr. Seitz explained how Executive Order 13636 and Presidential Policy Directive-21 (PPD-21) were prompting changes throughout the critical infrastructure security and resilience mission. The two documents were released concurrently in order to allow for a comprehensive approach to security and risk management, as well as to link cyber resilience and security to physical asset security and resilience.

PPD-21 replaces Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 and requires the development of near-real-time situational awareness of the status of physical and cyber infrastructure assets; exploration of the cascading impacts of critical infrastructure failures; evaluation of how to further develop the partnership between all levels of government and private sector owners and operators; the development of a comprehensive research and development plan; and the updating of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP).

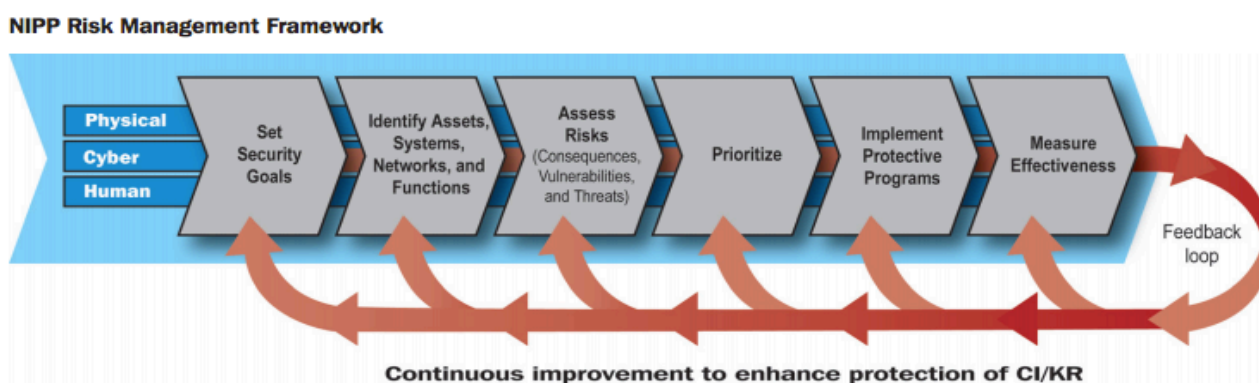
The NIPP 2013: *Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience*, outlines how government and private sector participants in the critical infrastructure community work together to manage risks and achieve security and resilience outcomes. The 2013 NIPP represents an evolution from concepts introduced in the initial version of the NIPP released in 2006. The updated National Plan provides the foundation for an integrated and collaborative approach to achieve a vision of: “A Nation in which physical and cyber critical infrastructure remain secure

and resilient, with vulnerabilities reduced, consequences minimized, threats identified and disrupted, and response and recovery hastened.”

NIPP 2013 is being issued in response to Presidential Policy Directive-21 on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience and was developed through a collaborative process involving stakeholders from all 16 critical infrastructure sectors, all 50 states, and from all levels of government and industry. It provides a clear call to action to leverage partnerships, innovate for risk management, and focus on outcomes.

At the State level addressing Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) related prevention, protection, preparedness, response, and recovery requires cooperation and collaboration between and among CIKR entities.

The NIPP Risk Management Framework below provides a better sense of how the processes work with one another:



There are five goals that work in conjunction with the NIPP Risk Management Framework to:

- a. Assess and analyze threats,
- b. Security of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR),
- c. Enhance CIKR,
- d. Share actionable and relevant info and
- e. Promote learning and adaptation.

The outreach is the key component of the state plan and how these goals ensure that resources are applied where they offer the most benefit for mitigating risk, deterring threats, and minimizing the consequences of incidents.

Chair Roberts asked where do we go next with the proposed lead agencies? Mr. Guthlein stated that the leads of each Sector Specific Agency (SSA) would become working groups within sectors and report to the Executive Group who would make a determination on what are the key assets under their scope. For instance, although there are over 456 bridges in Rhode Island, based on their expertise and assessment, they might only deem a handful as critical infrastructure.

## **V. Live Line Demonstration – National Grid**

The Live Line Demonstration was canceled due to inclement weather. However, the presentation aimed to promote safety and awareness for electrical contact and outages.

## **VI. New Business, Member Comments, Suggestions**

Ms. Mihalakos informed the members that on Thursday and Friday there would be two functional exercises to test the functionality of Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan for nursing homes and assistant living residences using a tornado scenario.

The Chair announced the next EMAC meeting would take place on Tuesday, August 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.